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LONDON, THURSDAY, MARCH 20.

THE GOVERNMENT'S LAST RESORT.

The Dominion Government has given up the attempt to introduce closure by a side-door. The Opposition is warned that unless it allows the naval bill to make progress, the Government will next week give notice of certain amendments to the rules of debate.

This is an admission that the rulings on Saturday, which produced such stormy scenes, were arbitrary and irregular. Liberal members who refused to submit to them are justified by the event. But for the courage of Dr. Clark and Mr. Martin, in resisting gag law in defiance of the rules, a precedent would have been created which would have empowered the Government to shut off debate when it pleased on any and all subjects, without resort to closure.

The Government is at last and at least proceeding in an orderly way by proposing closure. It remains to be seen whether they will be content with orderly methods of passing closure legislation. So revolutionary a measure should be put in the form of a bill so that it could be discussed in committee clause by clause. To try to drive it through as a simple resolution, on which no member could speak more than once, would be contrary to the British precedent, and as arbitrary as the rulings of Saturday last. The Liberals would be justified in making the same resistance.

THE UNIVERSITY PROBLEM.

An editorial in the Toronto University Monthly, an organ of the University of Toronto Alumni Association, makes an interesting pronouncement on "The University Question in Ontario." Referring to the application of Queen's University for provincial aid, it says:

"The Western is also claiming provincial aid, and if Queen's University receives financial assistance from the province, it also will have its claim for aid strengthened thereby. This claim may not be immediately granted, but in a few years it will be, and as a result, in half a generation the province will be supporting three, or it may be four, universities."

The editorial goes on to say that the solution of the university problem should not be left to the universities themselves. "That would only lead to a jealous and costly rivalry in which every professorship and every faculty in Toronto would be duplicated in Queen's and the Western, and costly faculties of engineering, for instance, might be established in those two institutions, although McGill and Toronto are already turning out, and will turn out, enough engineers to meet the needs of the Dominion in this respect for many years to come." And the same thing with respect to post-graduate courses.

So the editorial proposes that, to prevent waste, the Scotch system be adopted. "The Imperial Government's grant to the four Scotch universities is expended under the supervision of a university commission of royal appointment, which determines not only what chairs and faculties shall be established, but also what shall be the curricula in the various faculties and for the various degrees in each university."

It is significant that from such a quarter comes now the admission that Western shall receive the provincial aid for which it asks and which Western Ontario through a large deputation has asked for. And however it may be with Queen's, those who advocate the claims of Western University have explicitly declared for the present limited extent of Western's aims and demands. There is no thought of duplicating here everything done at Toronto. The fact is, there has been a lot of unwise as well as wise expenditure there, expenditure that it was bad enough to make once, let alone twice.

A real value lies in the suggestion of a university commission, to consider deliberately the whole university question in Ontario, and map out a plan of development for years ahead, instead of letting things drift. There has to be considerable duplication of courses in all three universities, because of the number of students entering there and because of local needs, the latter a thing not fully perceived perhaps at Toronto, though they are painfully aware of the former. And as for faculties of engineering, it may be true that "Toronto and McGill are already turning out and will turn out enough engineers to meet the needs of the Dominion in this respect for many years to come," but, if so, what is becoming of those who wrongly headedly choose to graduate from the excellent engineering school at Kingston? Poor things, they probably have the "birth invidious bar" of originating from the country near by Kingston instead of from Toronto or Montreal. Some of them are too poor to get to the larger centres. But some of them come even from afar, passing by To-

ronto and McGill in some strange crotchets of fancy. Serves them right then, if the Dominion does not need them—in theory. In practice it does. But talking of the invidious bar of birth, what chance have the youths of this million in Western Ontario, compared even with those poor wretches of the Kingston territory, of taking the expensive engineering course? Only the rich have a look-in at all. The very class in Western Ontario from which mechanical experts are most likely to arise, the sons of the workers, are barred out of Toronto and McGill.

A university commission's work will be to give all parts of the province a chance, developing one line of science or engineering here, another line there, and the post-graduate work with it, instead of allowing Toronto any monopoly of even the scientific and engineering facilities. That is the development which is evolving in English university life and which they are at once going to push farther over there. The day is passing when university education on the scientific side consisted merely in making a mountainous heap of machines and whistling to the youth of the country far and wide to come and work it, or stay home if they liked and leave such things to the boys of the capital.

It would be rather a pity if a university commission should go so far in regulating the university courses as to enforce out-and-out uniformity. Uniformity is a killer of education. What is wanted is a fairly free rein to local initiative in the three universities. The commission could, however, do good work in a general supervision of standards and in effecting a hearty co-operation of the institutions under its charge.

STANDS BY THE BAR.

Mr. Rowell's banish-the-bar resolution has been again voted down by Sir James Whitney's mechanically obedient following in the Legislature.

Sir James again took his stand on local option and the three-fifths clause. In Opposition he voted to wipe out all the hotel licenses of the Province at one stroke, as Mr. Rowell now proposes. Sir James was then an opponent of local option, declaring that his party would not put the responsibility of abolishing the bar upon the shoulders of the municipalities. "We will bear it on our own shoulders and stand or fall by it," he valiantly affirmed.

Sir James has shifted his ground, but some lingering regard for consistency should have restrained him from abusive denunciation of the policy he formerly advocated. He put the question on a low plane, indeed, when he said the Government would maintain its present attitude, "so long as we find the attitude of the people of the Province as it is today." In other words, "We have no principles on the liquor question; we regard it as merely one of tactics. If the people show they don't like our policy, we shall change it." It is not an heroic or statesmanlike position. It does not chime with Sir James' boast that he is bold enough to be honest and honest enough to be bold.

The Premier has not yet brought forward his promised anti-treating legislation. He made no mention of it in the debate on the Rowell resolution. Is the Premier's vaunted boldness and honesty oozing through his fingertips in this case, too? He announced last year that he had consulted the liquor interests and that they were favorable to the abolishing of treating. With this support from his own backers, why the delay?

Are you a Canadian or a Contributor?

The three-fifths clause gives London Township another black eye.

When the London Free Press said that patriotism would gather more strongly about warships built in Canada than warships built in England, it was spouting treason, according to its present theories.

"If one were in need of evidence of the attitude of the country upon the navy issue, witness the united position of the Conservative press," says a contemporary. But the Conservative press was united for a Canadian naval service and against a gift of Dreadnoughts only a short time ago.

Colonel Weston, the Unionist free trader, and conservationist, won the by-election in Kendal, England, polling more than the normal Unionist majority. Politicians will find it puzzling to decide which party lost the election, but there can be no doubt the colonel won.

In the last ten years until this week the lowest Conservative majority in South Lanark was 891, and in the last two elections the Liberals were too discouraged to run a man. A Conservative has just been elected by a majority of 611. The Whitney Government can claim a victory, but not a famous one. The same change in every riding would put Mr. Rowell in office.

The tearing down of the waterworks dam would be a scenic disaster. Of course the same volume of water would flow, but in a narrower channel. West London is entitled to flood protection in another form. The demand for a permanent breakwater must be met. The waterworks dam was erected not only to preserve boating, but to generate power, and citizens are not yet satisfied that its usefulness in this respect has vanished.

In the temperance debate in the Legislature, Sir James Whitney asked

if any leader of a party would follow a policy that had been turned down in three constituencies by immense majorities. The answer is that any party leader worthy of the name of statesman would willingly suffer for a principle. If party leaders had not been willing to bear such reverses there would be no virtue and no progress in society. Sir James' view of his own duties is appallingly low.

There is a somewhat widespread delusion in the United States that Canada must pay tribute to the mother country. It is a fiction exploited by the enterprising though not strictly veracious gentlemen in the Northwest-ern States, who are trying to keep their countrymen from deserting American for Canadian farms. A Canadian naval contribution would give a fine handle to these gentry. They would figure out how much each family moving to Canada would be taxed to help Great Britain, and would represent it as an annual levy. The worst of it is that such stories cannot be successfully contradicted, as the Premier of Canada has committed himself, if not to annual tribute, to a permanent policy of contribution, which is only a difference in degree.

A COINCIDENCE.

[Life.]
Georgia Lawyer (to colored prisoner)—Well, Ras, do you want me to defend you? Have you any money?
Rastus—No, but I've got a mule and a few chickens, and a hog or two.

Lawyer—Those will do very nicely. Now, let's see, what do they accuse you of stealing?
Rastus—Oh, a mule and a few chickens and a hog or two.

"THAT REMINDS ME."

[Puck.]
Mrs. Fussy (on her first visit to the Falls)—Oh, Harry! That reminds me, I forgot to turn off the water in the kitchen sink!

TOO MANY.

[Life.]
Benton—Have you tried all the remedies that your friends have recommended for your rheumatism?
Tulser—Great Scott, no! I haven't had the pesky disease more than three years.

AS A SOUVENIR.

[Boston Transcript.]
Mrs. Youngwedd (proudly)—This is my first pie.

Youngwedd—Er—don't you think, love, it would be nicer to keep it than to eat it?

SILENCED HIM.

[Toronto Star.]
A Liberal speaker in the House of Commons was interrupted by a cry of "Rot." To a similar interruption the Hon. William Patterson, once replied "If it's rot, why does the honorable gentleman take so much of it."

NEVER RALLIED

Rural Dean Godden, of Caledonia, Ill. Only a Few Days.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, March 20. — Rev. Rural Dean Godden, of Caledonia, aged 47, is dead in the hospital here, following an operation for appendicitis. A chill, which he took last Friday, caused his illness to develop very rapidly. He was ordained in 1889, and until 1902 was at Acton and Rockwood. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons and one daughter, all in Caledonia.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

March 19. Reported at From
Athens.....St. John.....Glasgow
Durango.....Halifax.....Liverpool
Volturno.....Halifax.....Rotterdam
Man. Engineer.....Manchester
Ionian.....Halifax.....Glasgow
Portland.....New York.....Rotterdam
Arcadian.....New York.....Bermuda
Anconia.....Philadelphia.....Genoa
Menominee.....Boston.....Antwerp
Italia.....Glasgow.....New York
Cedric.....Genoa.....New York
Pomeranian.....Lizard.....St. John
Dominion.....Liverpool.....Portland

Anaemic Mothers Here Is Relief!

You Can Enrich Your Worn-Out Blood and Quickly Renew Your Health With Dr. Hamilton's Pills.



Sufferer of Twenty Years States Dr. Hamilton's Pills Are a Real Cure.

"I can't remember any time during the past twenty years when my heart wasn't aching. If I bent over, dark specks would come before my eyes, and it seemed as if all the blood in my body wanted to rush to my head." Thus opens the letter of Mrs. Enoch S. Spry, of Putnam P. O., and concluding her interesting statement she says: "Work or exertion made my heart beat terrible, and going upstairs caused such shortness of breath that it fairly frightened me. I tell you how I feel today and you can understand what a great cure Dr. Hamilton's Pills have made. I feel strong enough now to work like a man, as for going up stairs on the run, it doesn't bother me at all. I eat and sleep as any well person ought, and as for dizziness which used to frighten me so much, it has entirely disappeared. Dr. Hamilton's Pills are a wonderful medicine. They helped me, and I know every woman that uses them will have comfort and good health. Refuse anything offered you instead of Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut, 25c per box at druggists and storekeepers, or the Catarrhzone Company, Buffalo, N. Y., and Kingston, Canada.

An Important Purchase

You like music, play yourself, and are contemplating buying a piano! That piano will probably "live with you" a long time, so it is advisable to hear all the best "makes" sold in London.

We WANT you to do that because our prices and terms are right, and we have every confidence that the MARTIN-ORNE Piano will make its own sale.

Callaghan's
613 Wellington Street
N. B.—First Door North of Victoria Park



Many a sweet young thing, with fairy footsteps, wishes they had her size in rubber boots when she comes to our adhesive crossings these days.

Mr. Glauitz has unearthed another plot of "the interests." The Evening Insinuator may be expected to send for Detective Burns.

Aren't these "private interests" a terrible octopus? But few of us would be eating hot-cross buns tomorrow if we were not on the payroll of one of them.

This goes for the Cataract Power Company, which owns a large share of Insinuator stock.

When those Pay-as-You-Enter cars arrive every night will seem like Saturday night to the members of the Married Men's Protective Association.

Port Stanley is to have a newspaper. If it is not called "The Wave" everybody will be disappointed.

The cup of our Greek friends is full to overflowing—this time it is not the coffee cup.

Our Anti-Bedlam Crusade.
With the advent of moonlight nights someone has complained to the city about howling dogs. Other night sounds that should be suppressed are these made by:
\$150 phonographs.
Tenor tomcats.
Chanticleer roosters.
Flat wheels.
Flat screenaders.
Flat poker parties.
Scientifically-silenced-to-day babies.
Scars with flutes.

What was the name of that town? Callingboro! Ah, yes. Strange how quickly one forgets.
The Chatham News has a fair one: Why is a second-hand furniture driver like the average monologist? Answer—They both pull old stuff.

No one has yet invented a serum for the spring fever.

On the sign at Victoria Park announcing that the gates have closed, some sad wag has posted an express label stating, "Not to be opened till Christmas."

Some men gain fame and then don't know how to handle it.

Our Favorite for the Plate.
Here's old Hiderow—
He's a fine old skate.
Dye think for 'minute
He could win the King's plate?

He's spavined and foundered,
And he looks kinda mean,
But he's got a mark
Of one seventeen.

So get down your money,
And we'll shoot him full of dope,
He's on his last legs, but
While there's life there's hope.

Down at Ottawa they are calling
Hon. Tom Crothers Chief Big Promiser.

"White elephant" parties are the latest. We are willing to contribute a purchase board to the first one held.

A Bivalvous Combination.
[Wheatley Journal.]
An abundant supply of oysters cap-

ped the climax.—Lake Shore Correspondence.

Think of the Practices!
[Highgate Monitor.]
Please tell us why there is not a band in this village.

The Editor is Puzzled.
[Highgate Monitor.]
Why do some people persist in calling this paper the "Monster"?

Give the Hens a Chance, Eph.
[Forest Free Press.]
Eight Bargains.—Having quit hatching chickens, Eph Lundy has eight first-class incubators for sale.

Deserts the Anvil Chorus.
[Forest Free Press.]
Neil Campbell's sale of farm stock was a success, about \$1,400 being realized. Alfred Fitchett yielded the hammer.

One Real Need For It.
[St. Thomas Journal.]
The London Advertiser says that an animal ambulance is needed in London. No doubt, I suppose, for the transportation of Hiderow, 1:17.

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Open Tonight CHAPMAN'S EASTER SALE NEWS

All departments are humming with Easter activity. The nice fine weather is making everyone anxious to have something fresh and new. Hosiery, Glove, Corset, Underwear and Ready-to-Wear Sections are demanding attention. Do your shopping here—you can do better.

New Spring Suits at Reasonable Prices

Ladies' Spring Suits. One of our popular lines, in navy blue, plain tailored, high waist skirt, panel back, trimmed with buttons, coat finished with cord, notched collar, set-in pocket. Price.....**\$15**

Ladies' Suits, in dark navy, high waist skirt, panel back with side pleats. Coat lined with satin, finished with shields and trimmed with buttons, fine quality serge. A leader at only.....**\$16**

Ladies' Suits, in black, gray and fawn whipcord, up-to-date styles; coat cutaway style and lined with satin; very handsome Easter Suits. Bargains at.....**\$18 and \$20**

RAINCOATS, \$5 to \$10

Ladies' and Misses' Raincoats, rep and plain rubber, in shades of fawn, green and blue, all sizes. Special bargains at.....**\$5.00, \$6.50, \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00**

Easter Gloves and Hosiery

FEWNY'S KID GLOVES, soft, pliable kid, in tans, gray, white and black, perfect-fitting, excellent workmanship. Every pair fitted and guaranteed. Per pair.....**\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50**

LONG WHITE LAMBSKIN GLOVES, 16-button length. We fit and guarantee them. At per pair.....**\$1.50**

RADIUM SILK ANKLE HOSE, lisle top and sole, reinforced feet, black and white. Per pair.....**50c**
RADIUM MERCERIZED LISLE HOSE, splendid quality, reinforced feet. Black or white. Per pair.....**35c**
Holeproof Silk Hose, in black, white, tan and colors. Pair.....**\$1.00**

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The "Corset de luxe" for the well-groomed woman.

These emphasize a naturally good form, and create attractive curves where none existed. A graceful figure is within every woman's power if she will but wear C-C a la Grace Corsets. There are scores of fashionable new models now on display. The new straight lines are found in C-C a la Grace Corsets. Prices.....**\$1.00 to \$4.00**
American Lady Corsets. Prices.....**\$1.79 to \$5.75**
La Diva Corsets. Prices.....**\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00**

LINEN SALE

"Seconds" in Table Cloths and Napkins.

Sale of Linen "Seconds" continued today and Saturday. This is the sale that housekeepers have been waiting for, and judging by the crowds that came yesterday, the lot will not last long.

These linens are slightly damaged, but in the majority of cases are none the worse. We guarantee them to be worth twice the price. Table Cloths.....\$1 to \$12.50
Napkins.....10c to 40c each



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